Indians near Panvel in the outskirts of Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the special incentives proposed to be given to the Non-resident Indians to set up this satellite town?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों का कार्यान्वयन

*54. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या कल्याण मंत्री 6 मार्च, 1987 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1275 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछड़े वर्गों के लिये मंडल आयोग के प्रतिवेदन में अन्तर्विष्ट सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन के संबंध में की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) उक्त सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन में क्या-क्या कठिनाइयां हैं ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० राजेन्द्र कुमारी वाजपेयी) : (क) और (ख) सरकार का यह मत रहा है जैसा मंडल आयोग की रिपोर्ट में अन्तर्विष्ट है, अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के लिये आरक्षण आदि के प्रश्न पर तब तक यथास्थिति बनाई रखी जाये जब तक कि राष्ट्रीय जनमत नहीं हो जाता ।

Setting up of Oil Seeds Corporation

*55. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Oil Seeds Corporation on the pattern of the Food Corporation for the procurement of oil seeds, fixing support price of oil seeds and for giving boost to oil seeds production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what steps Government are taking to increase the production of oil seeds?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) to (c) Government do not propose to set up any Oilseeds Corporation on the pattern of the Food Corporation of India for the procurement of oilseeds. The mandate for price support operations has been given to NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited). Government have been fixing support price of oilseeds, before the sowing season starts, at a remunerative level, on the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices. NAFED has, in collaboration with the State Cooperative Marketing Federations, taken steps for purchase of oilseeds at such support price.

For the oilseeds grown in kharif 1988, Government have increased the support prices from Rs. 390 to Rs. 430 per quintal for groundnut pods, from Rs. 390 to Rs. 450 for sunflower and from Rs. 260 to Rs. 275 for soyabean (black variety) and from Rs. 300 to Rs. 320 for soyabean (yellow variety).

The National Dairy Development Board has also set up oilseeds farmers cooperative federations in 7 States. So far 4053 oilseeds farmers cooperative societies have been set up by them with a membership of 4.33 lakh oilseeds farmers. They have a plan of procuring 4.4 lakh tonnes of oilseeds during the current kharif as against 2.4 lakh tonnes last kharif. These cooperative societies have been offering attractive prices to the farmers.

In addition to price support, Government of India have given assistance to the tune of Rs. 48 crores to the State Governments to implement National Oilseeds Development Project and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project in

17 States. Under these projects, selected farmers are provided with seed minikits and other quality seeds. rhyzobium culture, plant protection services, gypsum, plant protection equipment etc. at concessional terms in order to step up their oilseed yields. Modern Oilseeds technology is also demonstrated in their fields.

In the year 1987-88, which saw normal rainfall only in 40 per cent of meteorological sub-divisions, oilseeds production in the country reached an estimated 122 lakh tonnes. This is a 6 per cent increase over the preceding year, which had a more favourable monsoon with normal rainfall in 60 per cent of the meteorological sub-divisions.

Thanks to the adoption of technology and use of improved inputs by the farmers in the favourable monsoon of kharif 1988, a record production of oilseeds is expected.

Import of Foodgrains

*56. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imported foodgrains like wheat and rice in recent months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some more imports of foodgrains are planned in the near future;

(c) the toal stock foodgrains reserves in the country at present; and

(d) the optimum level at which Government would like to hold foodgrains stocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have contracted for import of 2 million tonnes of wheat and 8.5 lakh tonnes of rice during the current year.

(b) Government has its option open to import further quantities of foodgrains, if required.

(c) The total stock of foodgrains with the public agencies as on 1-9-88 was about 9.2 million tonnes.

(d) The level of foodgrain stocks depends on several factors, such as, seasonality, market availability, demand and offtake under Public Distribution System, etc.

Closing down of units of the H.F.C.

*57. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to close down all the four units of the public sector Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that these units are ageing and they need rehabilitation; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken so far in the matter; and

(e) whether there is any labour problem in these units?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The four units of Namrup— I and II, Durgapur and Barauni are ageing and in order to identify the reasons for their unsatisfactory performance, Government appointed foreign consultants for an end-to-end survey. The consultants have recommended rehabilitation of these units. The recommendations are being processed for a decision. With a view to avoiding production loss on account of power cuts/failure, captive power plants have already been installed at Durgapur and Namrup while at Barauni a captive power plant is under installation.